

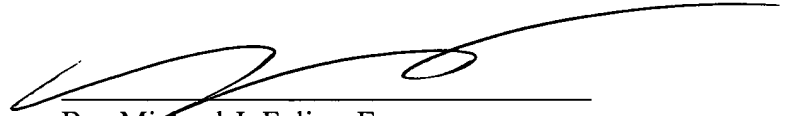
by another and materially different process. The Examiner also states that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The restriction requirement is traversed for the reasons set forth below. Nevertheless, the Applicants provisionally elect apparatus claims 1 through 8 of Group I for prosecution and reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected method claims 9 through 16 and Species A, claims 1 through 7 of the apparatus claims.

The restriction requirement should be rescinded for the following reasons: The claimed method is limited to the production of the claimed apparatus. Thus, the method cannot be used to produce a materially different product and the product cannot be produced by a substantially different method.

In view of the above, the restriction requirement must be rescinded, and the application substantively examined.

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